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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SF WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SWAPO INTERIM REPLY TO PROPOSAL

1. FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE LUSAKA REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY
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COUNCIL WAS DELIVERED BY SWAPO NEGOTIATING TEAM
MEMBER HAMUTENYA TO UK AND US MISSION CHIEFS FRIDAY
AFTERNOON.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR EXCELLENCIES:

ON BEHALF OF SWAPO AND THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR REVISED PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSAL REACHED SWAPO ON THE EVE OF MY DEPARTURE FROM LUSAKA ON AN IMPORTANT SWAPO MISSION, WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A THOROUGH AND RAPID STUDY OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

YOU WILL, HOWEVER, RECEIVE OUR REPLY IN DUE COURSE THROUGH OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK.

ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,
SAM NUJOMA
PRESIDENT OF SWAPO

END TEXT

3. WE ASKED HAMUTENYA WHETHER HE COULD GIVE US SOME IDEA OF HOW MUCH TIME WAS INVOLVED IN "DUE COURSE" AND WHETHER A REPLY WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT NUJOMA'S RETURN. HE DID NOT GIVE US A SPECIFIC ANSWER BUT INDICATED THAT NUJOMA HAD TAKEN A COPY OF THE PROPOSALS WITH HIM AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS TRIP. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD THEN DECIDE ON A RESPONSE AND FORWARD IT TO BEN GURIRAB IN CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW YORK.

4. HAMUTENYA SAID NUJOMA LEFT THIS MORNING FOR DELHI. BRITISH AND CANADIANS HAVE FORWARDED TALKING POINTS TO THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONS THERE WITH SUGGESTION THAT THE MATTER BE BROUGHT UP WITH THE INDIANS. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE INDIANS TO PRESS NUJOMA ON THE MATTER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THEIR ACTIVE INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MATTERS. HOWEVER, ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONFINE DIRECT CONTACTS TO THE INDIANS UNLESS NUJOMA EXPRESSES A DESIRE TO SEE WESTERN REPS.
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